

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.27, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 134, “Trauma Care Facility Categorization and Verification,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 134 describe the process and standards for the categorization and verification of hospitals and emergency care facilities as trauma care facilities. These proposed amendments amend the definition of emergency medical care provider by referencing the definition found in 641—131.1(147A). These proposed amendments also update the reference to the “Iowa Trauma System Regional (Level II) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria”; the “Iowa Trauma System Area (Level III) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria”; and the “Iowa Trauma System Community (Level IV) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” documents to the 2013 editions.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before June 18, 2013. Such written comments should be directed to Janet Houtz, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to Janet.Houtz@idph.iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 147A.23.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **641—134.1(147A)**, definition of “Emergency medical care provider,” as follows:

“Emergency medical care provider” means ~~an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic, paramedic specialist or other certification levels recognized by the department before 1984 and who has been issued a certificate by the department~~ emergency medical care provider as defined in 641—131.1(147A).

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 134.2(3) as follows:

134.2(3) Adoption by reference.

a. “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient” (2006) published by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma is incorporated and adopted by reference for Resource (Level I) hospital and emergency care facility categorization criteria. “Iowa Trauma System Regional (Level II) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2006 2013) is incorporated and adopted by reference for Regional (Level II) hospital and emergency care facility categorization criteria. “Iowa Trauma System Area (Level III) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2006 2013) is incorporated and adopted by reference for Area (Level III) hospital and emergency care facility categorization criteria. “Iowa Trauma System Community (Level IV) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2010 2013) is incorporated and adopted by reference for Community (Level IV) hospital and emergency care categorization criteria. For any differences which may occur between the adopted references and these administrative rules, the administrative rules shall prevail.

b. “Iowa Trauma System Regional (Level II) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2006 2013), “Iowa Trauma System Area (Level III) Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2006 2013) and “Iowa Trauma System Community (Level IV)

Hospital and Emergency Care Facility Categorization Criteria” (2010 2013) are available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of ~~Emergency Medical Services~~ EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems).